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SUBJECT: ICRC OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITY IN
VIET-NAM

REF: (A) SEOUL 9375 (B) HONG KONG 14239 (NOTAL)

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON ICRC REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE PASQUIER
DEC 9 TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF AMERICANS AND RELATIVES OF
AMERICANS IN VIET-NAM AND RELATED MATTERS. PASQUIER REGRETTED
THAT ICRC HAS BEEN UNABLE TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO SAIGON
SINCE CLOSURE OF HEAD O HANOI OFFICE. HE PROMISED THAT ICRC
WILL CONTINUE PURSUING ALL LEGITIMATE CASES IN HANOI AND
SAIGON.

2. IN THIS RESPECT, PASQUIER CONFIDED THAT ICRC OPERATIONS
CHIEF HORCHER WILL VISIT HANOI IN MID-JANUARY TO TRY TO
ASCERTAIN CURRENT SRV ATTITUDE ON DEPARTURES. AT SAME
TIME HE INTENDS TO PRESS VIETNAMESE FIRMLY ON CERTAIN
NUMBER OF CASES, INCLUDING THOSE WE HAVE PRESENTED, AS WELL
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AS OF THE THREE IMPRISONED ROK DIPLOMATS, CONCERNING WHOM

THEREIS NO RECENT NEWS.

3. PASQUIER CONFIRMED REPORT REF B THAT ICRC PROPOSAL FOR LATE DECEMBER CHARTER FLIGHT FROM SAIGON TO HONG KONG HAS BEEN SHELVED IN FAVOR OF HKG'S OWN PLAN. HE SAID HKG INFORMED ICRC IT WOULD INCLUDE TAIWANESE ON FLIGHT(S) ONLY IF SEATS ARE AVAILABLE, FOR WHICH THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE MUCH PROSPECT. HOCHER WILL INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE ICRC EVACUATION FLIGHTS IN HIS MID-JANUARY VISIT TO HANOI AFTER ICRC DETERMINES WHO REMAINS IN SOUTH VIETNAM AFTER THE HKG FLIGHT(S).
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